

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 8-9, 18, 29-30, 39, 50-51 and 60 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. With this response, claims 1-7, 10-17, 19-23, and 66-70 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1-23, 29-30, 39, 50-51, 60, and 66-70 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 71 and 72 are directed to further specific embodiments of the biological sample. Support for the amendments may be found at least at paragraphs [0009] and [0010] of the Specification as-published, for example. Thus, no new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment and favorable reconsideration are earnestly solicited.

Claims 24-28, 31-38, 40-49, 52-59, 61-65, and 71-72 are pending in the present application.

The Allowance of Claims 24-28, 31-38, 40-49, 52-59, and 61-65

Applicants graciously acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 24-28, 31-38, 40-49, 52-59, 61-65 are allowed.

Claim Rejections

All outstanding rejections were directed to claims that have been cancelled. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that all outstanding rejections are moot.

New Claim 71 and 72

New independent claim 71 is identical to claim 24 (which was allowed), except that new claim 71 is directed to "a method for isolating DNA from a biological sample comprising microbial cells" instead of "animal cells". New claim 72 depends from new independent claim 71, and recites the limitation "wherein said microbial cells are bacterial cells." Entry of the amendment and favorable reconsideration are earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that in view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, this application is in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. If issues may be resolved through Examiner's Amendment, or clarified in any manner, a call to the undersigned attorney is invited at an early date.

Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4254, referencing Attorney Docket No. 2902162-017000 for any additional fees deemed necessary.

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